

East Carroll Parish



"Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community"

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	East Carroll	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	40.5%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	56.8%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	15.0%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$7,609	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.8%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	5.0%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	14.4	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	77.0%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	71.0%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	11.9%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	21.6%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	849.2	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	222.9	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	0.0	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	352.4	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	275.3	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	18.5	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.3	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 8	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	25.7%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI >30 (adults 20+)	28.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	72.5%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	80.4%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	61.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

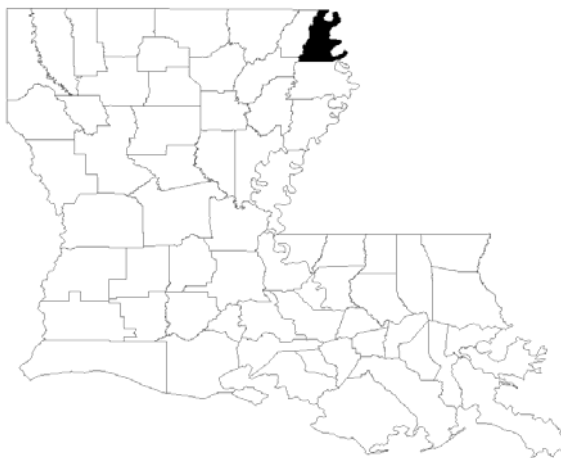
Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

The northeastern most parish, bordering the Mississippi River, is East Carroll. The Carroll parishes, East and West, were formed in 1877 by division of the original Carroll (named after Charles Carroll of Carrollton, famous signer of the Declaration of Independence) established in 1832. East Carroll was officially organized on May 11, 1877. The area was thickly settled by English, Scotch, and Irish pioneers from the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tennessee.



The major recreational resources available for residents and visitors to East Carroll Parish are hunting, fishing, and parks. Poverty Point borders the parish, offering camping and picnicking facilities. The Tensas Basin Park located at the Basin of the Tensas River offers boating and other recreational activities. Each June, East Carroll Parish hosts the Louisiana Soul Food and Heritage Festival. This festival offers the visitor an intimate look at the rural base for Louisiana. Music, authentic soul food, and storytellers telling the tales of the old ways are just some of the treats in store at this special celebration.

Parish Seat³Lake Providence

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Lake Providence

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	9,421
2003 (estimate)	8,997
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	31.6%
African-American	67.3%
Some other race.....	1.1%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	1.2%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	7.6%
5-14	17.6%
15-17	5.1%
18-19	3.5%
20-24	8.0%
25-64	45.7%
65 & over	12.5%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	106ft.
Land area in square miles	421
Water area in square miles	21

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	65°
January	52°
July	91°
Annual average rainfall	56.5 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

East Carroll Parish

Civilian.....	2,954
Employed	2,369
Unemployed.....	585
Unemployment.....	19.8%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

N/A

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5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
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